

Base ESOHCAMP audit begins Monday

By 2nd Lt. Carlos Chirivi
12th Civil Engineer Squadron

Randolph begins its external Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program audit Monday.

Starting that morning, Air Education and Training Command ESOHCAMP team members will begin visiting industrial shops and administrative offices to determine the installation’s compliance with federal, state, local and Air Force environmental, safety and occupational health laws and regulations. The shop visits will continue through Thursday.

The ESOHCAMP team will conduct an out brief on the assessment Oct. 24 at 9 a.m. in the 12th Operations Support Squadron’s DeBellevue Room.

While Team Randolph personnel are well informed of environmental as well as safety and occupational health needs, everyone should take one last look to assess compliance in their work places, base officials said.

“Take the time this week to do those last minute ‘walk-arounds,’ both inside and outside of your buildings,” said Lt. Col. Bob Fant, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron commander. “Make sure any discoveries are properly labeled and stored. Do not throw hazardous materials or waste in the trash - it’s against the law.”

The ESOHCAMP will cover a broad range of technical topics; however, there are

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a number of steps everyone can take:

- Ensure hazardous materials are properly labeled and stored
- Ensure all hazardous wastes are properly disposed of and identified
- Make sure no recyclable materials end up in the trash - check the dumpsters near your facility

One item deserving special attention is a unit’s flammable storage locker. While not every unit has a flammable locker, any organization with one should make sure that everyone in the workplace understands what goes in it and how it should be stored.

“Maintaining a flammable storage locker requires a team effort,” Colonel Fant said.

“This is an ongoing process that requires attention to detail at all times.”

The 12th CES Environmental Flight and Fire Department have put together guidelines outlining flammable storage locker procedures and manager responsibilities. Based on National Fire Protection Association standards, these guidelines give users direction on proper usage of flammable lockers and substances.

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Units with usable hazardous materials that are no longer needed should contact Ed Vogel, hazardous material management, at 652-3079 or 652-3062 for guidance. To dispose of unusable hazardous waste, contact Stella Rodriguez, hazardous waste accumulation facility, at 652-5666 or 652-5299.

For help identifying something that may be hazardous, or how to properly label it, call the Randolph Hazmart at 652-5681.

During the week, base personnel are invited to attend daily update sessions with the ESOHCAMP team at 7:30 a.m. in the CE conference room of Hangar 62.

Questions concerning ESOHCAMP, can be directed to 2nd Lt. Carlos Chirivi, 12th CES, at 652-4668.

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Wing training timeline

| As of Wednesday | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Pilot Instructor Training | | |
| Squadron | Senior Class | Overall |
| 99th FTS | -5.0 | 1.0 |
| 558th FTS | 0.4 | -2.3 |
| 559th FTS | -9.0 | -5.6 |
| 560th FTS | -0.5 | -1.1 |

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Navigator, EWO training

| 562nd FTS | | 563rd FTS | |
|---------------|-----|---------------|----|
| Air Force | 221 | Undergraduate | 46 |
| Navy | 69 | International | 0 |
| International | 2 | EWC Course | 0 |
| | | Fundamentals | 0 |




Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

Wing Sortie Scoreboard

| Aircraft | Required | Flown | Annual Required |
|----------|----------|-------|-----------------|
| T-1A | 161 | 173 | 4,040 |
| T-6A | 385 | 384 | 9,103 |
| T-37B | 376 | 320 | 7,171 |
| T-38A | 354 | 401 | 5,674 |
| T-43A | 45 | 46 | 1,160 |

Numbers reflect the required and flown missions as of Wednesday, and the required missions for fiscal 04.

Weekend weather

| Day | Forecast | High | Low |
|----------|---|------|-----|
| Today |  | 79 | 65 |
| Saturday |  | 77 | 55 |
| Sunday |  | 78 | 56 |

Force development

CSAF discusses importance of new Air Force initiative to start soon


By **Gen. John Jumper**
Air Force Chief of Staff

During the last two years, we have refined our officer development system. We are now ready to move Force Development from discussion and planning to execution.

Beginning in November 2003, teams led by major command general officers will visit each base to explain the details of our Force Development initiative. These “Spread the Word” briefings are to ensure all officers and their supervisors understand the new Force Development concept, policies and procedures. Under Force Development, we will assist you to pursue the assignments, education and training opportunities that will better prepare you for your role in tomorrow’s Air Force.

Force Development is about

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accomplishing Air Force missions today and tomorrow, improving your skills deliberately, using your skills more

effectively, meeting your goals and expectations and explaining more clearly your potential and opportunities. Force Development is not about fostering development for its own sake, developing everyone the same, focusing on your career field alone, or focusing on your next promotion.

Force Development is all about getting the right people in the right job at the right time with the right skills to fight and win in support of our national security objectives, now and in the future. It will result in significant changes to our current program of officer progression. To help your understanding of Force Development, we will be providing a series of articles discussing STW topics prior to the STW briefings.

These messages will introduce you to some terms and rationale behind the

changes. The initial message will discuss the Force Development construct, its application in Air Force Doctrine, and some insight into how Force Development will be managed within the Air Force structure. Follow-on messages will introduce changes to our education and training programs — discussing the concept of Developmental Education, candidacy and selection processes for DE, Air University’s work to revise our professional military education and how these changes impact you.

I ask you to pay close attention over the course of the following weeks. Become proficient in understanding and applying these changes. Force Development is important to your future. It is an essential tool to improve our current capabilities and create those we’ll need to remain the world’s greatest Air Force.

Airman reflects on meaning, importance of Air Force uniform

By **Airman 1st Class Christopher Kobernuss**
97th Logistics Readiness Squadron

ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — What does the uniform mean to me? On the way from my home in Ohio to San Antonio, I kept looking out the window thinking to myself, “I’m really doing this. My family will be so proud. They can sleep easy knowing I will protect them.”

As my flight landed a little boy behind me was looking out the window. He turned to his mother and asked where the bombs were. His mother told him there were no bombs on this kind of plane. Then he asked, “Who’s going to protect us if there’s no bombs?” His mom said, “Honey, there’s somebody out there to protect us.”

That made me realize that my family wasn’t the only one relying on me for protection. I have a much bigger family

now that I’m a member of the Air Force.

My uniform means protection. My uniform means people will not have to wonder who will keep them safe. My uniform means our families will not have to worry about suicide car bombings or guerrilla attacks in our streets.

My uniform means freedom. My uniform means service members before me gave me the freedom to choose. My uniform means it’s my turn to ensure the people after me have that same freedom.

My uniform means honor. During a visit my family and I took to Sea World at the end of basic training, a woman came up to me and grabbed my arm. She said, “Don’t think I’m crazy, but I want to thank you for what you’re doing. You have no idea what this means to me. I really appreciate what you’re doing for our country.” Then she thanked me again and shook my hand.

My uniform means pride. How many people wake up in the morning and know they are a part of the greatest force in the world? How many of them put on their uniform and know everybody in the world is watching them? I know there is no uniform that attracts attention as much as mine does. This is the last uniform I’ll ever wear. I know every time I put on my uniform I will look sharp and professional.

My uniform means courage. When the time comes and it’s my turn, I’ll be able to take the training I’ve received and perform in a hostile environment. I’ll put on my uniform and know it means I’ll be able to help people who can’t help themselves. When I put my uniform on, it means I’m willing to get in harm’s way and protect what I believe in. When I put on this uniform, it means my wingman can trust me with his or her life, and I will trust him with mine.



Commander’s Action Line

Call 652-5149 or e-mail randolph.actionline@randolph.af.mil

While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide

satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Mark Graper
12th Flying Training Wing commander

| Agency contact numbers | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| Security Forces Services | 652-5509 | 12th FTW IG | 652-2727 |
| Civil Engineers | 652-5971 | Equal Opportunity | 652-4376 |
| Transportation | 652-2401 | FW&A Hotline | 652-3665 |
| Military Pay | 652-4314 | EEO Complaints | 652-3749 |
| Civilian Pay | 652-1851 | Randolph Clinic | 652-2933 |
| Safety Office | 652-6480 | Base Exchange | 674-8917 |
| Housing | 652-2224 | Commissary | 652-5102 |
| | 652-1856 | Straight Talk | 652-7469 |

Headlight policy

Question I have been told that there is a new policy about having to have your headlights on when driving on base. Some said it is just when you need to use your windshield wipers. Is this correct?

Answer The policy you are referring to is a recent change to the Air Education and Training Command supplement to AFI 31-204 Air Force Motor Vehicle Traffic supervision. The new policy, which became effective AETC-wide on May 1, requires “vehicle operators to turn on the headlights from sunset to sunrise, during fog, smoke or rain when


windshield wipers are activated or any other time when persons or vehicles cannot be seen clearly.”

While the need for windshield wipers is certainly one indication that you should also have your headlights on, for your safety and the safety of others you should turn them on anytime visibility is reduced.

Congratulations Retirees

| | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Today | Senior Master Sgt. Lance Graves |
| Air Education and Training Command | Master Sgt. LuAnn Trent |
| Senior Master Sgt. Kelvin Bellamy | |

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Air Force announces TSP open season

Civilian and military employees can sign up for, or change, their Thrift Savings Plan contribution amounts during the “open season” now through Dec. 31.

“TSP is an easy, long-term retirement savings plan, that everyone should consider,” said Senior Master Sgt. Felipe Ortiz, Air Force Personnel Center contact center superintendent. “Current account holders might be interested, too, in transferring money from one fund to another — the TSP folks are set up to handle that.”

“Either way it’s a great supplement to military and civilian retirement plans,” Sergeant Ortiz said. “It’s important to note that TSP is not limited to investing in stocks. People can choose safer government securities as well.”

This open season applies only to regular TSP contributions. It does not include TSP catch-up contributions, as they are not tied to open seasons, said Janet Thomas of AFPC’s civilian benefits and entitlements service team.

TSP offers investors the chance for lower taxes each year they contribute while not having to pay taxes on earnings until they reach retirement.

“Eligible employees can take out loans

and make in-service withdrawals from their TSP accounts,” Ms. Thomas said. “And you can keep your account, even if you leave military or federal service.”

Investment money is deposited directly from each paycheck “so you never have to think about it,” Sergeant Ortiz said. “That makes it easy to ‘pay yourself first’ while only investing what you deem appropriate.”

The five TSP funds are: the Government Securities Investment (G) Fund; the Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund; the Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund; the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund; and the International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund.

“As with any individual retirement account, the sooner you begin contributing, the better,” said Ms. Thomas.

Contribution elections/changes made between now and Dec. 13 will take effect Dec. 14, for both military and civilian personnel. Changes made after Dec. 14 will become effective at the beginning of the pay period following the pay period in which the election is made for civilians and the following month for military.

Some of the specifics of the program include:

- Military**
- Military members can continue to contribute up to eight percent of their base pay through November. Beginning Dec. 1, members may increase their contribution to nine percent as long as the annual total of tax-deferred investment doesn’t exceed \$12,000 for 2003. Airmen also have the ability to invest all or part of their bonuses or special pay.
 - Military members can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service web site at <http://www.dfas.-mil/emss/>. They can also enroll by filling out a form TSP-U-1 at the military personnel flight or finance.
 - Contribution allocations can be made by calling the TSP automated ThriftLine at (504) 255-8777 or on the TSP web site at <http://www.tsp.gov/>. For general TSP questions, call the AFPC Contact Center at DSN 665-5000 or (866) 229-7074.
 - Specific TSP information is available for Air Force military personnel at http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/-thrift_savings_plan.htm.
- Civilian**
- Federal Employees’ Retirement System employees may contribute up to 14

percent of basic pay each pay period. Once eligible, the government provides matching funds of up to four percent as well as an automatic one percent each pay period, whether the employee contributes or not, making the government’s contribution five percent.

- Employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System may contribute up to nine percent of basic pay, but do not receive any matching contributions or the automatic one percent.
- Specific information is available for civilian employees from the Thrift Savings web site at <http://www.tsp.gov/> or the BEST homepage at <http://www.afpc.-randolph.af.mil/BEST/menu.htm>.
- All Air Force civilian employees will make their TSP contribution elections or changes through the BEST automated phone system at 527-2378 in San Antonio or on the Employee Benefits Information System web application at www.afpc.-randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm
- Contribution allocations are made by calling the TSP automated ThriftLine at (504) 255-8777 or on the TSP web site at <http://www.tsp.gov/>.

(Courtesy of AFPC news service.)

Combined Federal Campaign ends this week at Randolph

By 2nd Lt. LaShonda Bush
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

It’s the final stretch. The 2003 Combined Federal Campaign ends Tuesday, and as of Oct. 15, the base has raised \$819,402, which is 75 percent of the goal.

However, campaign organizers are still striving to reach their goal of one hundred percent contact.

“We want everyone to have the opportunity to

contribute,” said Maj. Walt Shearer, CFC project officer. “Our support of CFC is the way our organizations demonstrate our commitment to our neighbors here in San Antonio and all over the world.”

CFC allows donors to specifically designate which organization their contribution will go to, or they can make a general donation. All undesignated funds will be distributed among the various charities listed in the 2003 Agency Brochure.

Donations can be made by cash, personal check or payroll deduction.

The CFC is one of only two authorized solicitations of employees at Randolph and it continues to be the largest work force fundraiser in the world. The second is the Air Force Assistance Fund.

For more information about CFC and how to contribute, call Major Shearer at 652-1652 or contact your unit CFC representative.

Junior Enlisted Appreciation Day

By Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The annual Junior Enlisted Appreciation Day Friday at Eberle Park was full of sports, great food and good company, according to picnic goers.

The JEAD picnic and celebration gave officers, senior non-commissioned officers and civilians the chance to show their gratitude for the base junior enlisted members and to relax and have some fun.

The day included basketball, volleyball, horseshoes and tug-of-war games, and a free picnic of brisket, hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, chips and drinks for junior enlisted members. Everyone else paid a small fee. There was also a dunking booth set up for the airmen’s enjoyment.

The picnic was sponsored by Randolph Top 3 organizations.



Base members play volleyball during Junior Enlisted Appreciation Day Oct. 10 at Eberle Park. (Photo by Medora Arnaud)

‘Tora Tora Tora’

Reenactment set for Randolph Air Show

By Ralph Monson
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

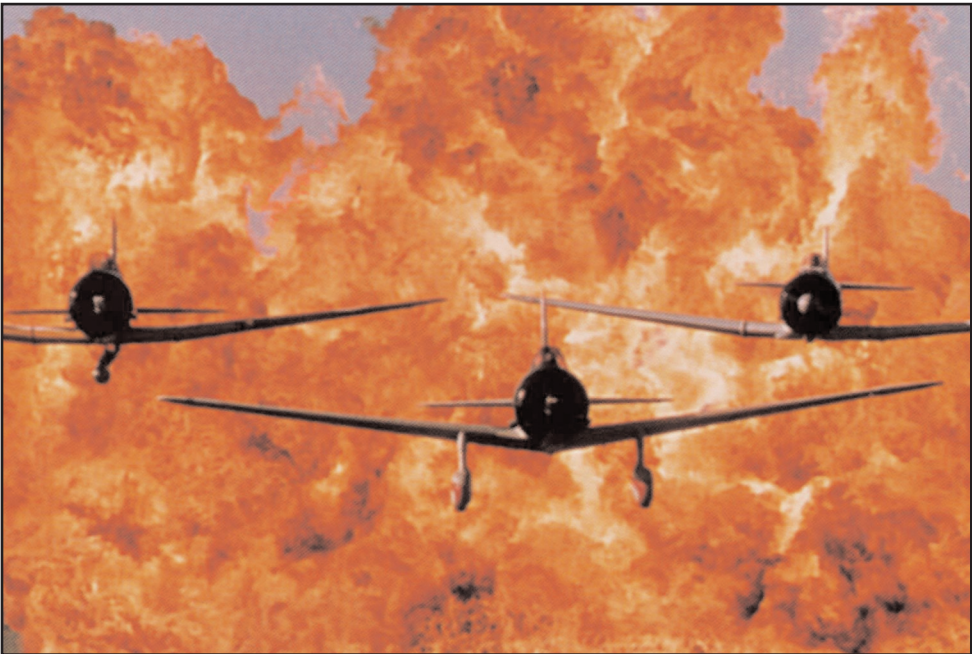
It was a typical Sunday morning in paradise. Without warning, the sky over Pearl Harbor was filled with Japanese warplanes. “Tora Tora Tora,” was the cry... America was under attack.

Labeled the “Day of Infamy” by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Dec. 7, 1941 sneak attack on Pearl Harbor was a preemptive strike meant to keep America out of the war in the Pacific. Instead, it ignited patriotic values across the nation and changed the face of the 20th Century.

“The Commemorative Air Force’s ‘Tora Tora Tora’ show is a spectacular reenactment of the attack,” said Lt. Col. Todd White, Randolph Air Show director. “Complete with incredible pyrotechnics, aerial dog-fights and superior narration, it will be a fantastic experience for spectators at the Randolph Air Show.”

It takes hundreds of dedicated volunteers working as ground crew, maintenance, pilots and pyrotechnic experts to bring the “Tora Tora Tora” show to life, say Commemorative Air Force officials. The purpose is to create an entertaining, dynamic history lesson about the event that propelled America into World War II. “Tora Tora Tora” will be featured both days of the Nov 1-2 air show.

The Randolph Air Show also features the U.S. Navy Blue Angels aerial demonstration team and the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute jump team. There will also be performances and



Three Commemorative Air Force “Zeros” fly in front of a wall of fire during a “Tora Tora Tora” reenactment of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. The reenactment will be performed at the Randolph Air Show Nov. 1-2. (Courtesy photo)

flyovers by several of Air Combat Command’s aerial demonstration teams and more than a dozen other modern and vintage military aircraft. Air Education and Training Command’s West Coast T-6A Texan II demonstration team, based at Randolph, will make its first public appearance in San Antonio.

“The aerial show also includes spectacular civil aerobatic performers,” said Colonel White. “Ed Hamill’s Dream Machine, sponsored by Air Force Reserve Recruiting Service, is featured as is Sean Tucker’s power aerobatic show, featuring

the high-powered Oracle Challenger.”

The colonel stressed the air show will also include plenty of action on the ground. “We have a variety of military related ground exhibits scheduled, including more than 40 different modern and vintage aircraft on static display,” said Colonel White.

Several special activities are planned for children, including “Stepping Stones to Aviation,” a miniature airport complete with pedal-powered planes. Other scheduled interactive activities include a 35-foot bungee run, a 40-foot giant slide

and inflatable obstacle course, and a moon bounce and play unit with slide and ball pond, according to Shelta Reese, air show coordinator for Services activities.

Spectators will also be able to choose from a variety of food and beverage concessions.

“San Antonio’s military air shows are always exciting,” Ms. Reese said, “and great food is part of the experience. This year, we have great variety, including several new concession items. Fried Oreos, fried Twinkies and chocolate-covered-key-lime-pie-on-a-stick are some of the added taste treats to go along with traditional foods such as hamburgers, funnel cakes and smoked turkey legs.”

The air show is being held in conjunction with the greater San Antonio area observance of Celebrate America’s Military Week and the Centennial of Flight. It is expected to draw hundreds of thousands of spectators, so air show officials are encouraging people to arrive early. The air show is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on both days. The public is invited with free parking and admission.

Spectators are reminded certain items may not be brought onto the base. These include coolers; weapons, concealed or otherwise; pets; skateboards, skates and bicycles; glass containers; and alcoholic beverages.

For more details about the event, visit the air show web site at www.randolph.af.mil/airshow or call the air show information line at (210) 652-SHOW.

Navigator graduates receive special recognition

By Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Two Navy and three Air Force members received special recognition during the Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training graduation ceremony here Oct. 10.

Second Lt. Michael Dow received the Air Education and Training Command Commander’s Cup and the Jack Donovan Award.

Second Lt. Jasen Blacksbury received the Ira J. Husik Award and Ensign James Evans received the Alden C. Markey Award.

The classes’ top academic achievers were Ensign Alicia Falken, earning the 562nd Academic Excellence Award, and Capt. Gina Mills, earning the 536rd EWO Academic Excellence Award.

Members of the graduating class received navigator, naval flight officer and electronic warfare officer training in the 562nd and 563rd Flying Training Squadrons.



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Ensign
Alicia Falken
562nd Academic Excellence
Award

AETC element wins DOD-level award

By Senior Airman Lindsey Maurice
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Air Education and Training Command Directorate of Communications and Information Plans and Programs element recently won third place in the team category of the 2003 Department of Defense Chief Information Officer Award competition.

The 18-person element competed against more than 70 other offices for the award.

“(The AETC team’s) degree of skill and professionalism, combined with a zeal and determination to solve complicated information management issues is to be commended,” said John Stenbit, DOD Chief Information Officer. “The team richly deserves being singled out as a winner of the DOD CIO Award.”

According to competition officials, the CIO Award was created to recognize teams for outstanding achievement in DOD information management based on the spirit and intent of the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996, and for improvements in information management having significant impact throughout the DOD.

The Clinger-Cohen Act was enacted by the Federal Government to increase

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*Department of Defense
chief information officer*

reliance on information technology and resulted in increased attention and oversight on its acquisition, management and use of information technology, according to officials.

“I was pleasantly surprised when I heard the news,” said Toni Webster, branch chief. “Given the caliber of work being done by the many DOD agencies, competition is extremely fierce at that level. We’re a relatively small element up against entire organizations responsible for some very high-visibility projects.

“But all of our achievements are the direct result of a total team effort. Our program managers work a myriad of initiatives that all meet the common goal of using information technology smartly to reduce overall costs while meeting mission goals.”

Between January and December 2002, the timeframe of the competition review, the AETC branch was responsible for the implementation of Air Force and DOD downward-directed programs, AETC-unique system implementations, the communications and information portion of AETC mission bed-downs and engineering and installation projects within the command, according to officials.

In Mr. Stenbit’s congratulatory letter to the branch he applauded the team in their responsibilities for numerous acquisitions, technology and process applications and capital planning and investment initiatives and successes over the past year.

According to officials, one of the team’s biggest successes in 2002 was its lead in the program management efforts to replace the saturated telephone switch at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, reducing costs from \$7 million to \$3.6 million without reducing capability.

The team was also responsible for securing the network server licenses using an enterprise approach, according to officials. Negotiations with Microsoft secured the best price, saving more than \$750,000 over decentralized purchases. The team implemented Microsoft’s System Management Server at AETC’s 13 bases, becoming the largest SMS implementation in the world with 75,000 personal computers tied into a common system, officials continued.

But perhaps the branch’s “most impressive” accomplishment, Mr. Stenbit noted, was the completion of the Air Force chief of staff mandate to consolidate network e-mail, print and file servers at base level, developing a comprehensive implementation plan that is being used by other Air Force major commands. This effort has greatly decreased the cost of providing information technology services and an overall 90 percent reduction in equipment and people is expected, officials said.

“The team’s dedication to improving information management and information technology to the benefit of the Department of Defense is remarkable — we salute all the members,” Mr. Stenbit said.

Retiree Appreciaition Day set

By 2nd Lt. LaShonda Bush
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Randolph is hosting a retiree Appreciation Day celebration Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Hangar 4 on the east flightline.

“This is a great opportunity for Randolph to express appreciation for the military service and continued support of our local retired community,” said retired Colonel Jim Scarff, retiree activities office director.

The opening ceremony will commence at 9 a.m., followed by an Information Fair with more than 40 exhibitors.

Retirees will have the opportunity to take care of recurring needs by meeting with

such offices as vehicle registration, the military personnel flight, finance and more. ID cards will also be issued inside Building 399 at the MPF office.

Refreshments will be available from 8 to 10 a.m., and the dining facility will be serving brunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A shuttle bus will also be available from Hangar 4 to the dining facility and the clinic, where various medical services will be provided.

All medical services will be available on a walk-in basis. The TRICARE Service Center will also be open for enrollment.

Information on the Texas Veterans Commission, social security and other services will also be provided.

For more information, call 652-6880.

The following organizations will be available to help retirees at the Retiree Appreciation Day event:

- Veteran’s Administration
- Texas Veteran’s Commission
- Social Security
- Disabled American Veterans
- Finance
- Casualty Assistance
- Survival Benefit Plan office
- Retired Officers Association
- Base vehicle registration
- Army Air Force Exchange Service
- Non Commissioned Officers Association
- Base chapel
- Base clinic



Commander’s Access Channel

On base TVs connected to cable

People who have televisions connected to cable on base have the capability of viewing the Commander’s Access Channel, channel 21. The access channel provides real-time information about base events and other activities of interest to members of the Randolph community. The access channel is especially useful when people need to find out details about inclement weather reporting procedures, real-world or exercise activities, gate closures or other events that affect operations at Randolph. For more information about the access channel or to find out how to post information, call Tech. Sgt. Angelique Battle or Ralph Monson at 652-5760. Air Force News Service is broadcast Fridays at noon.

Correction to Wingspread Oct. 10 issue

Staff Sgts. Dennis Hall and Mary Bailey’s, names were inadvertently left out of the Global Air Chief’s Conference article in the Oct. 10 Wingspread on page 11.

Sergeant Hall is with the Air Force Recruiting Service and Sergeant Bailey is with Air Education and Training Command. Both served as protocol support personnel during the conference.

Change of command set

The 562nd Flying Training Squadron will hold their change of command Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. in Hangar 4.

Commander Daniel Ball will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Todd Zachary.

For more information, call 652-4823.

Legal office closure

The 12th Flying Training Wing legal office will be closed Oct. 30 for an official event.

In case of an emergency, call 275-2435.

News Briefs

Annual AFMC selection board to meet

The Air Force Material Command Operations/Operations Support Squadron Commander Candidate Selection Board will meet Jan. 14-15 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The board will select candidates to fill projected command vacancies from April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005. The list will remain in effect until the next AFMC board.

The nominations are open to all Air Force officers who meet the eligibility criteria.

For eligibility criteria, or for more information, call Lt. Col. Joe Rich at (937) 656-0077, or email joe.rich@wpafb.af.mil.

New pharmacy procedures set at Lackland, Kelly

To decrease the number of errors while filling

prescriptions, the seven outpatient pharmacies at Lackland and Kelly are installing a new pharmacy system that uses barcode technology to verify that the correct medication is going to each patient.

Barcode verifications are used at each step of the filling process and a picture of the medication is displayed for the pharmacy staff performing the final checks, to ensure the correct medication is dispensed.

Customers are asked to be patient while the pharmacy staff learns this new process. The process should be installed at all pharmacies before the end of the year.

For more information, call 292-7688.

AAFES refund policy made easier

As of Tuesday, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service will honor all requests for non-receipt refunds by issuing a new AAFES merchandise card, which is the same as a gift card. It can be used the same as cash to purchase items in the BX. The refund policy with a receipt has not changed.

For more information, call 652-2681.

America at War



“A peaceful Iraq and a free Iraq is part of our campaign to rid the world of terror. And that’s why the thugs in Iraq still resist us — because they can’t stand the thought of free societies. Free nations don’t attack each other. Free nations don’t develop weapons of mass destruction. There will be a free and peaceful Iraq. Taking place in Iraq is the evolution of a society which will be democratic in nature, a society in which the people are better off.”

President George W. Bush
During a speech on the nation’s economy Oct. 3 in Milwaukee

Randolph supports global mission

As of Monday, 100 Team Randolph members are deployed in support of military operations around the globe.

Number of attacks in Iraq constant, enemy tactics change

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — While the number of attacks against coalition troops in Iraq has remained constant, the tactics enemy forces use have changed, coalition officials said Oct. 6.

The nature of enemy action against coalition forces has changed since the end of major combat operations May 1, said coalition officials in Baghdad. Enemy forces are moving away from small-unit infantry attacks against coalition forces. Regime holdouts are moving toward more hit-and-run attacks, using improvised explosive devices, mortars or rocket-propelled grenades.

“They are using different tactics so they do not need to engage our forces directly,” said a Combined Joint Task Force 7 spokesman in Baghdad. “If they stay to fight, they die.”

The change in tactics did not create a rise in the number of incidents. Officials said roughly half of the attacks against coalition forces are small, with fewer than six people ambushing coalition convoys or patrols. The other half is a mix of improvised explosive devices, remotely fired rockets or mortar attacks. The targets often are Iraqis rather than coalition personnel.

“These elements are trying to discourage the population from cooperating with the coalition,” the spokesman said.

The number of attacks fluctuates. The beginning of May saw six to 30 attacks each day. The upper number has dropped; in October, the average has fluctuated from the mid-teens to low 20s.

“I think what we all need to understand is that (with) some of these improvised explosive devices, all that is required is someone with a paper bag or a plastic bag to drop it as a walk-by,” said Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of Combined Joint Task Force 7, during a press briefing Oct. 2. “I don’t know that my security measures are too lax or too weak at this point. I think what it requires is for us to remain vigilant constantly, which is what we are trying to do. It requires us to work with the local population.”

And coalition personnel are working with local Iraqis. The coalition “offensive” is often fought by building schools, stocking hospitals or repairing power pylons rather than with bullets, coalition officials said. Coalition Provision Authority officials said more than 8,000 separate projects all over Iraq are aimed at improving life for the average person.

But there will still be casualties, General Sanchez warned. “I have repeatedly stated that as long as we are here, the coalition, and specifically the American forces, need to be

prepared to take casualties,” he said. Coalition forces are still encountering Baathist remnants, he said. The area west of Baghdad and through Tikrit is especially dangerous. “We should not be surprised if one of these mornings we wake up and in fact there has been a major firefight with significant casualties, or a significant terrorist attack that has killed significant numbers of people,” General Sanchez said. “This is still a war zone.”

Coalition forces are working to minimize casualties by examining what the enemy is doing and modifying coalition tactics.

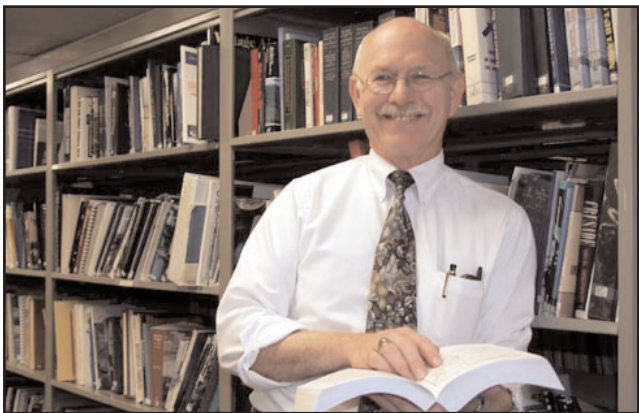
“We synchronize our operations with the Iraqi security capacities that are out there, to try to accomplish our mission at least cost,” the general said. “Every single day, my focus is to attempt to accomplish that mission very aggressively, but yet be able to preserve the human cost to the American people.”

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Randolph historian earns doctorate in American studies



Bruce Ashcroft, Air Education and Training Command staff historian, recently earned his doctorate in American Studies from the University of Texas. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Amber Millerchip)

By 2nd Lt. Amber Millerchip
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

With the golden glow of a corner lamp highlighting the books piled on the floor, he settles down into the leather chair for his evening vigil of study. He opens a book, places it on his lap and peers down through the glasses on his nose. Consumed with the material before him, his eyes dart across the pages while holding a well-chewed pencil in his mouth.

For seven years, this was a typical night for Bruce Ashcroft, a staff historian at Air Education and Training Command, who received his doctorate in American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin this past summer.

Dr. Ashcroft began his first doctoral program in business in 1986, but due to financial and family reasons, he put his doctorate degree on hold. Instead, he accepted a job at the

Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., in 1987. It wasn't until nine years later that he resumed his academic pursuit. This time, following his passion, history.

"I have wanted my doctorate since starting college 34 years ago," said Dr. Ashcroft. "Living in Austin, everything just finally came together; my family situation, a supportive work environment and a university close by that offered a degree I was interested in."

In seven years, Dr. Ashcroft completed two years worth of courses, read nearly 400 books to prepare for his oral presentation to the dissertation committee and wrote a 350-page dissertation on the creation of the U.S. Air Force. Balancing work, life and study was essential to the completion of his doctorate.

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Air Force female pioneer to retire

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The first Hispanic woman to earn Air Force pilot wings. The first woman to be an Air Force instructor pilot.

When Lt. Col. Olga Custodio retires from her Air Force career today, she will be taking with her not only the memories of a good career, but also the honor of being a real pioneer. As the first Hispanic female Air Force pilot, in 1981, she joined a small sorority of professional Air Force women who were proving they could do the job.

“Things have changed in the Air Force since I came in,” she said. “Today there are more opportunities for women, but there will always be the challenge of balancing a career and family.”

Colonel Custodio grew up in an Army family, moving around the world as any military family does, but keeping ties to her home in Puerto Rico. When she finished high school and applied to the University of Puerto Rico in 1969, she knew her goal was to become an Air Force officer, but the ROTC program there had no provision for women.

She was married and a mother when she heard about an opportunity for women to fly in the Air Force. Even though she was about the oldest to apply, she was accepted into the flight screening program, followed by Officer Training School and pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. She was awarded her wings in 1981 and immediately began duty as a T-38 flight instructor.

Two years later, she was reassigned to the 560th Flying Training Squadron, becoming the first woman pilot instructor here. In 1984, Colonel Custodio was awarded the Air Training Command Individual Flying Safety Award for excellence in airmanship for a difficult single-engine recovery of a T-38.

In 1987, with Senior Pilot wings and over 1,500 flying hours, Colonel Custodio resigned her regular commission and accepted a reserve commission with an Individual Mobilization Augmentee assignment at the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School. There, she continued to work with the flight screening program, flying T-41s at Hondo Airfield.

The following year, she was assigned as an IMA officer to the Casualty Matters Division of the Air Force Personnel Center, later renamed as the Directorate of Personnel Accountability. She is currently the deputy director of the directorate where she works with programs that monitor the status of various categories of military casualties, including those classified as missing in action.

As an Air Force Reserve augmentee, Colonel Custodio has been able to develop a second career. True to her flying interests, she chose to become a pilot for American Airlines



Lt. Col. Olga Custodio, Air Force Personnel Center, makes one last walk-around a T-38, the type plane in which she earned the title of first Hispanic female to serve as an Air Force pilot and an Instructor Pilot. (Photo by Medora Arnaud)

where she has flown over 9,000 hours, most recently as a captain in a Fokker 100, on both domestic and international flights. Next on her agenda will be flying as captain of a Boeing 737-800 on a regular international route.

Being a minority and a female, has never slowed her down. “There may have been detours on the way,” Colonel Custodio said, “but a woman can set goals and reach them if she is willing to work hard.” Her advice to other young women is to “always set your goals high and never lose hope.”

Historian seeks higher education

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“If you work full time and try to go to school, then you need to just accept that (school) is going to be an integral part of your life,” said Dr. Ashcroft, who studied an average of one hour in the morning and four hours in the evening on weekdays and even more on weekends.

Besides work and family, he said the biggest hurdle in his quest for a doctorate was his dissertation outline. After more than six months organizing an outline on Latin and Hispanic-American aviators, the dissertation committee decided he didn’t have enough primary material to write on the topic, forcing him to start over.

Along with family support, there are several other ingredients to educational success, he said. It’s very important to pace oneself, be patient and to “blow off steam” by balancing work with play, he explained.

“Always keep the big picture in mind, but at the same time don’t let it so overwhelm you and intimidate you that you come to believe it can’t be accomplished,” the 16-year civil servant said.

He explained he is a believer in lifelong learning.

“Each level of education allows one to play in bigger arenas and certainly opens up new worlds and new ways of seeing things,” he said, adding that earning a degree, at any level, shows self-discipline and the ability to set and reach goals.

His wife, Judy, who holds a doctorate in higher education administration, shares this view.

“Tenacity in completing a Ph.D. is an indication of one’s ability to solve problems,” she said. “It requires not only intellectual abilities but also skills in project management and diplomacy.”

Dr. Ashcroft’s commitment to academic excellence is further illustrated in his 21 published articles, and a master’s degree in history and one in business administration.

“Bruce’s experience and the example he sets for airmen shows that higher education is beneficial, both personally and professionally,” said Ann Hussey, a fellow staff historian at AETC. “Anyone with the will can find a way and do it.”

Randolph Community Bulletin Board



Miscellaneous

American Society of Military Comptroller's luncheon to be held

The American Society of Military Comptroller's monthly luncheon is Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the officers' club. The topic of discussion is "Achieving Financial Management Transformation by Putting People First." The guest speaker is James Short, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Financial Operations.

A townhall meeting for Air Force Civilian Career Program registrants will immediately follow the luncheon.

For more information, call Debbie Hall at 652-3633.

Financial seminar held

A financial seminar orientation will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the chapel center.

For more information, call Gary or Stephania Toney at 661-1349.

Silent auction held Monday

The Parent Teacher Organization silent auction is Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Randolph Elementary School Cafeteria. The event is open to everyone.

For more information, call Debbie Perez at 724-6907.

Mentors needed

Three surrounding school districts, including over 30 schools, are looking for servicemembers to volunteer at least one hour a week to be a school mentor. The focus is primarily on academics, but assistance is also needed with helping children develop analytical and social skills.

Programs, such as this one, are initiated to restore hope, motivation and confidence to students requiring extra attention.

All schools are located within a 10-15 minute from Randolph. All mentoring takes place on campus.

For more information, call Sandra Nichols at 652-3060.

OWC charity auction today

The Randolph Officers' Wives Club is hosting a charity auction today at 7 p.m. at the officers' club. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be available at a cash bar.

Dress is casual and membership is not required to attend.

For more information, call Debbie Patterson at 566-5690 or 843-6693.

ALS graduation banquet Thursday

The Randolph Airman Leadership School class 03-9 will have a graduation banquet Thursday at 6 p.m. at the enlisted club.

Dress is mess dress for officers, mess dress or semi-formal for enlisted members and "after-six" attire for civilians.

Cost is \$14 for club members and \$16 for non members.

Uniforms needed

The airmen's attic is having a uniform drive Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in an effort to assist surrounding High School Junior ROTC programs

For more information, call Sandra Nichols at 652-3060.



Commissary

Building 1075

Telephone: 652-6545

HOURS OF OPERATION

The commissary hours of operation are as follows:

- ☐ Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ☐ Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ☐ Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Express Shopping for 15 items or less takes place Monday through Friday from 7-9 a.m.



Building 693

Telephone: 652-5321

Waiting families support group Monday

The waiting families support group meets Monday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Information will be available about video teleconferencing, hearts apart, car care and many more programs offered to families waiting for deployed service members.

Car buying seminar scheduled

There is a car buying seminar Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for those considering purchasing a new vehicle.

Information will be available about financing, down payments trade-ins and monthly payments.

To sign up or for more information, call 652-5321.

Money management seminar Thursday

There is a personal financial management class Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. to help individuals brush up on financial skills. The class will provide information about setting financial goals, budgeting, credit buying, avoiding scams and much more.

For more information or to sign up, call 652-5321.



Building 208

Telephone: 652-5964

Education Services

Tuition assistance information

The education center does not approve tuition assistance after 3 p.m. In order to receive tuition, be sure to register for classes with the school first and bring the bill to the education center, Building 208, to ensure the tuition assistance is issued correctly.

There must be an official degree plan on file with the education center in order to receive tuition assistance for classes.

For questions or concerns, call 652-5964.

SMU representative available

A representative from the Southern Methodist University School of Engineering will be available Friday at the education center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call 348-7689.

MGIB monthly entitlements increased

The Montgomery GI Bill monthly entitlements for a full-time student enrolled in a regionally or nationally accredited college or university recently increased to \$985 per month.

The MGIB provides active duty and veterans up to 36 months of education benefits. The MGIB total entitlements is now over \$35,000. Benefits may be used while on active duty or as a veteran for degree and certificate programs, apprentice-ship, on-the-job training and correspondence courses.

For more information, visit <http://www.gibill.va.gov> or contact the education center.

Webster University information

A representative of Webster University's graduate program visits the education center every Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. to discuss Webster University's programs in the San Antonio area for those interested in pursuing master's degrees.

Park University courses set

Park University offers bachelor's degrees in computer science, management/computer information systems, management/accounting, management/marketing, management/finance, management/human resources and social psychology. Courses are offered in an eight-week format, two nights a week, and online. Stop by the education center to schedule a free transcript evaluation.

Early registration for the Fall 2 term ends today. Veteran's benefits and financial aid are available, and tuition assistance is accepted.

For more information, call the Park Resident Campus at 566-9595, or email rand@mail.park.edu



Building 102

Telephone: 652-6121

Chapel Services

Protestant

Saturday - Protestant Men of the Chapel breakfast at 8 a.m. in the chapel center

Sunday - Designated offering Sunday; worship 1 at 8:30 a.m. in chapel 1; liturgical at 10 a.m. in chapel 1; worship 2 at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; gospel at 1 p.m. in chapel 1

Monday - Protestant Women of the Chapel board meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center; male chorus at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

Tuesday - Men's Bible study at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1

Wednesday - Film luncheon at 11 a.m. in the chapel center; film luncheon at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; PWOC Bible study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; women's Bible study at 6 p.m. in the chapel center; gospel choir at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

Thursday - Children's choir at 5:15 p.m. in chapel 1; precept Bible study at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel center; chancel choir at 7 p.m. in chapel 1

Catholic

Friday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1

Saturday - Confession at 4:30 p.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 5:30 p.m. in chapel 1

Sunday - Mass at 8:30 a.m. in chapel 2; religious education at 9:45 a.m. at Randolph Elementary School; Mass at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 in chapel 2

Monday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1

Tuesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; contemporary teen and adult choir at 6:30 p.m. in chapel 2; Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7 p.m. in the chapel center

Wednesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1

Thursday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in chapel 1; cantor practice at 6:30 p.m. in chapel 2; traditional choir practice at 7:30 p.m. in chapel 2

Ecumenical

Monday - Wedding briefing at 3 p.m. in the chapel center

Wednesday - Christian Youth of the Chapel Bible study at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel center



Building 100

Telephone: 652-3278

Movies

Admission at the base theater is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children unless otherwise noted.

Today

"Seabiscuit" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Toby Maguire — A true story about horse racing in the 1930s.

Saturday

"Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Jon Lovitz — A former child star attempts to get back into the business of acting.

Sunday

"Cabin Fever" (R), 7 p.m. Starring Jordan Ladd — A plague takes over five friends in the woods.

Oct. 24

"My Boss's Daughter" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Ashton Kutcher — A young man tries to win over his boss's daughter.


Oct. 25

"Matchstick Men" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Nicolas Cage — Two men contemplate a scam when an unexpected visitor shows up.

Oct. 26

"Cold Creek Manor" (R), 7 p.m. Starring Dennis Quaid — A family faces a nightmare after moving to the country

Base offers monthly activities



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Services activities closed for the Air Show:

Oct. 31 - Nov. 2
Car wash

Nov. 1 - 2
Auto skills
Eberle park
Equipment rental
Fitness center
Golf course
Information, tickets and travel
Skeet range
Skills craft center
Wood skills

Haunted stables offers Halloween event
The Randolph Hunt and Saddle Club is hosting a haunted hayride Oct. 31 from 8 to 11 p.m. Advance tickets are available for \$4 and can be purchased at the hunt and saddle office in Building 1143 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m.
Cost for tickets at the door is \$5 and \$2 for additional hayrides. Cost includes one hayride and the haunted stables. Casper's Round-Up is from 7 to 10 p.m. for children up to age six.

Enlisted Club
652-3056

Halloween event scheduled for children
There is a Kiddie Bingo and Halloween costume contest at the enlisted club Oct. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the ballroom.

Weekly Happenings
Sunday - Big Bucks Bingo, 3 p.m.
Monday through Wednesday, Bingo, 7 p.m., early bird 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Pool tournament, Gil's Pub, \$5 entry fee, 5 p.m.
Jazz, Gil's Pub, 5 to 10 p.m.
Thursday - Wild, Wild West Nights in the ballroom; country/western from 7 to 10 p.m.
Friday - Variety night in Gil's Pub from 8 p.m. to midnight; super social, with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 5 to 7 p.m.; after work mixer, 4 to 9 p.m.; and night club, hip-hop headquarters, 9 p.m., hip-hop and R&B

Officers' Club
652-4864

Halloween party set
The officers' club is hosting a Halloween party at the Auger Inn Oct. 31 from 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.
A haunted house and drink specials will be available. Prizes for the scariest and most original costumes will be awarded.

Weekly Happenings
Sunday - Champagne brunch, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday - Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 5 to 6 p.m.
Thursday - Bingo, 7 to 10 p.m., Sky Lounge
Friday - Prime rib night, 6 to 9:30 p.m., dining room and social hour, 5 to 6 p.m., Sky Lounge and Auger Inn

Canyon Lake
1-800-280-3466

Pumpkin Mania scheduled
The Recreational Area at Canyon Lake will host Pumpkin Mania Oct. 26 starting at 2 p.m. at the main pavilion. This event is for the entire family and will include a pumpkin carving contest, pumpkin face painting contest and pumpkin patch and a hayride.

Comal River night dive, snorkel trip scheduled
There is a night-diving and snorkel trip Sunday on the Comal River.
Participation is limited to 15 people. All divers will be responsible for providing the required equipment and a valid "C" card. Snorkelers must supply all required gear. The cost for certified divers is \$30 and for snorkelers is \$15.
The trip leaves the equipment checkout facility at 6:30 p.m. and returns at 10:30 p.m.

Diving trip offered
All certified scuba divers are eligible to sign up for the diving trip scheduled for Oct. 25. The trip consists of a two-tank dive at one of the diving sites on Canyon Lake.
All divers must provide required equipment, including a valid certification "C" card. Seats are limited to eight divers per trip.
The price is \$45. The dive boat departs from the marina at 9 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m.

Equipment Checkout
652-3702

Flea market scheduled
There is a flea market held Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the clinic parking lot. The cost is \$15 for a space and a table with additional tables available for \$3.
People can reserve a table by contacting equipment checkout.

ITT
652-2301

Laredo shopping tour set
Laredo shopping tours are scheduled for Oct. 25 and Nov. 29. The bus departs Building 897 at 7:45 a.m. and returns at 9 p.m.
The cost is \$25 per person, which includes round trip transportation and a tour guide.

Kinder trip scheduled
A trip to the Grand Casino on the Coshatta Indian Reservation north of Kinder, La., is scheduled for Nov. 17 and 18. The cost is \$35 per person,

based on double occupancy.
The package includes round trip motor coach transportation, continental breakfast, accommodations, dinner buffet and a tour guide.

Texas Renaissance Festival scheduled
Discount tickets for the Texas Renaissance Festival in Plantersville, which runs Saturdays and Sundays, through Nov.16 from 9 a.m. to dusk, are available at the ITT office for \$17 for adults and \$8 for children ages 5 to 12.

Dickens on the Strand date set
A trip is planned for Dickens on the Strand in Galveston, Texas, Dec. 5 to 7.
The trip includes coach transportation, hotel, a tour of the Williams and Menard homes, Hand Bell Concert, tour of the ship Elisa, a Welch Breakfast and admission to the Strand. The cost is \$230 per person based on double occupancy.

Upcoming events scheduled
Pat Green, Far West, today
Through the Storm, Laurie Auditorium, Saturday
Outrageous Comedy Tour, Freeman Coliseum, Saturday
Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Laurie Auditorium, Thursday
Tracy Byrd, Far West, Oct. 24
Sinbad, Majestic Theater, Oct. 24
Mana, SBC Center, Oct. 26
"Full Monty," Majestic Theater, Oct. 28-Nov. 2

Youth Center
652-2088

Halloween events scheduled
Celebrate a safe Halloween at the youth center on Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. Activities will include a haunted house, games and a costume contest. The event is free and open to children ages toddler to 12 years.
The youth center is also hosting a Pre-teen Masquerade Ball from 9 to 11:30 p.m. for children ages 9 to 12. Youth are encouraged to dress up as their favorite character. The event is free for members and \$2 for non-member.

Piano, violin teachers needed
The youth center is looking for experienced piano and violin teachers to work with children ages 6 and older.
For more information, call Christine Fussell at 652-2088.

Basketball registration dates set
Basketball registration for youth ages 5 to 18 runs from Nov. 1 to 22 at 10 a.m. at the youth center. The cost is \$35 per player and \$70 per family. Interested youth must have current activity fees.

Coaches needed
Adults interested in coaching youth basketball can pick up an application at the youth center, or call Barney Clay at 652-2088.

| October Calendar | |
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| Today | Texas Chili Peppers , perform 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Sky Lounge, officers' club Fall festival , 5 to 7 p.m., child development center |
| Saturday | Flea market , 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., clinic parking lot |
| Sunday | Comal River night dive , 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. |
| Monday - Nov. 21 | Registration for Thanksgiving break , 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., youth center, child development center, child development center annex |
| Tuesday - Wednesday | Children's story hour for preschoolers , 10 a.m., library |
| Wednesday | Bargain warehouse , 8 to 9 a.m. for grades E-1 to E-4 only, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for others, Building 1139 |
| Thursday | Dorm birthday meal , 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., dining facility |
| Oct. 24 | Borderline , 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. Sky Lounge, officers' club |
| Oct. 25 | Laredo shopping tour , departs building 897 at 7:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. Canyon Lake Diving Trip, departs marina at 9 a.m. |
| Oct. 26 | Pumpkin Mania , 2 p.m. Canyon Lake Kiddie bingo, Halloween costume contest , 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., enlisted club |
| Oct. 31 | Haunted stables and Hayride , from 8 to 11 p.m., hunt and saddle club Halloween Hi-Jinx , 6 to 8 p.m., Pre-teen masquerade ball , 9 to 11:30 p.m. youth center Halloween party/Haunted house , 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., Auger Inn |



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For more information, call the Unit Information Assurance awareness program manager or the wing IA office at 652-4231.

Domestic violence, recognize signs

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and with the help of the Randolph Family Advocacy Center, domestic violence can be recognized and prevented.

“The family advocacy center offers many classes for parents and spouses of all ages, to help them cope with stress before it turns into domestic violence,” said Earl Pruitt, outreach program manager. “Single and married parents, spouses, as well as teenage parents can attend these different classes and learn how to deal with their stress.”

The Air Force-wide Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative is used on base, and is part of the Integrated Delivery System. The initiative assists parents and spouses by placing them with members of the appropriate IDS agency that can help them, such as the youth program, chaplain’s office or family support center, said Mr. Pruitt.

The IDS is the team of base agencies that help collaborate to provide accessible services to the base military community. It promotes strong individuals, families and communities to adapt and thrive on the unique

challenges of the Air Force life, said Mr. Pruitt.

“If a parent needs help coping with stress around their children, their children can participate in the youth center after school programs, for example,” said Mr. Pruitt. “The parents can use that time to run errands or take care of other household needs, knowing their children are safe and taken care of. This will help eliminate any stress they might have, from not being able to get certain things taken care of.” There are all categories of domestic violence, including physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, and neglect, said Mr. Pruitt.

Some of the signs of domestic violence include physical signs, such as a woman wearing too much make up to cover bruises, or a child wearing inappropriate clothing such as long sleeves or pants in hot weather to cover bruises.

Also, children and adults sometimes exhibit unusual behavior with other family members, when violence is present in their lives, said Mr. Pruitt. With sexual abuse, the person is often a family member or close friend, he added.

In the most recent data available from family advocacy, from 1997 to 2001, the numbers for child abuse as well as spousal abuse went down significantly. Child abuse included mostly emotional abuse and neglect, while

spousal abuse included mostly physical abuse.

Mr. Pruitt said that when domestic violence is present, the proper authorities should be notified immediately. According to Air Force Instruction 40-301, all active duty members and civilian employees of the Air Force must report all incidents of suspected family maltreatment.” Spousal abuse cases are handled directly on base.

Texas Family Code, Chapter 34, states that any person having cause to believe that a child’s physical or mental health or welfare has or may be adversely affected by abuse or neglect must report the case to the police and the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. Failure to report such cases is punishable by imprisonment of up to 180 days and/or a fine no more than \$1,000.

For more information on domestic violence prevention, or to report spousal abuse, call the family advocacy center at 652-6308. Child abuse cases should be reported to the family advocacy office as well as Child Protective Services.

Women in the San Antonio area who have been abused can call the San Antonio Battered Women’s Shelter at 733-8810. A 24-hour assistance hotline, the National Domestic Violence Hotline, is also available at 1-800-799-SAFE.

Ro-Hawks suffer first defeat, lose to Cole in overtime

By Retired Lt. Col. Al Becker
Ro-Hawks sports writer

The Ro-Hawks battled arch-rival Cole yard-for-yard and score-for-score in regulation Oct. 10, but a field goal in overtime gave Cole the 10-7 win and Randolph its first loss of the season.

“The game was evenly matched,” said Ro-Hawks head coach Pete Wesp. “Both teams had 10 first downs. We had 128 rushing yards and Cole had 127. The only difference was the field goal in overtime.”

The first half was dominated by both defenses and ended in a 0-0 tie. The Ro-Hawks power-packed offense gained just two first downs in the first half and threw one interception. The Cole Cougars only gained four first downs, all on running plays.

Ro-Hawk running back Zack Collins brought the crowd to its feet early running off left tackle, took a hit, spun to his right, sprinted between two tacklers, kept his feet, and ran to the Cole 25-yard line. The Ro-Hawks couldn’t carry it further and gave the ball back to the Cougars on loss of downs.

The Ro-Hawk defense was led by Chris Woods, who racked up a school record 29 tackles. Tim Stephens, Moton Hopkins, Scott Woodland, John Grieder and Will Drue worked hard together to hold the Cougars to less than 2.5 yards per carry for the game.

All the points in regulation were scored in the third quarter. Cole quarterback David Talamantez threw the ball to the left flat, Ro-Hawk Scott Woodland narrowly missed an interception, but instead the Cougar’s go for 51 yards and the first score of the game. The PAT kick was good and at the 9:43 mark of the third quarter, the Cougars led 7-0.

The Ro-Hawks answered on the next series. Joe Sitterly threw to Brandon Ervin for a first down. Sitterly threw a screen pass to Jade McArthur for 9 yards and a Cole penalty moved the ball to the Cole 25-yard line. A run around left end with good blocking cleared the way for McArthur to run 16 yards to the Cole 9-yard line. Then Sitterly passed to a wide open Mike Martin in the end zone for a 9-yard touchdown. Dominic Brown kicked the PAT and the Ro-Hawks evened the score at 7-7 with 6:31 remaining in the third quarter.

The Cole running attack gained just two first downs before the end of the third quarter. The Ro-Hawk defense held the Cougars forcing two punts and pressured a field goal attempt ending up in a fumble in the fourth quarter.

The Ro-Hawk offense moved the ball well in the fourth period, but hurt themselves with incomplete passes and a pass interception in the fourth quarter.

The Ro-Hawks had the ball first in overtime at the Cole 25 yard line. Zack Collins was stuffed on a pitch play for loss of one yard. Two throws into the end zone fell incomplete. On fourth down and 11, Ervin took off on a reverse, but the Cole defense was ready and stopped him for a one-yard loss.

The Cole Cougar offense grounded out running plays until they got in good enough position for a field goal. Cole Senior Drew Meilinger failed on three previous field goal attempts, but kicked this one high and down the middle to seal the 10-7 victory.

The loss dropped the Ro-Hawks to 4-1 on the season and 0-1 in district play. The Ro-Hawks hope to rebound at home tonight in a 7:30 p.m. tilt against Poth.



(Above) Rambler point guard Paul Spencer looks over the court for an open teammate Saturday against Lackland. (Below) Rambler guard Nate Crawford gets the ball up in enough time to avoid a Lackland defender for two points. (Photos by Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley)

Ramblers open season with win, loss against Lackland



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The men’s varsity basketball team, the Randolph Ramblers, opened up their season against Lackland with an 87-78 loss Saturday followed by a 25-point victory Sunday at Lackland’s Warhawk gym.

“Our team runs off of emotion and I think it back fired on us a little in the first game,” said Rambler head coach Terrance Dunkley. “We have been caged up in our gym for two months getting ready for our season and came out trying to get the win in the first three minutes, rather than working into one.”

The coach said the Ramblers, who were down by as many as 21 points in the first game, looked too hyped up.

They started out trading points with Lackland, but missed on many easy

opportunities and began to fall behind. At the 15-minute mark in the second half, the Ramblers were down 21 points, but managed to fight back to get within 5 points.

“I was very pleased with the way we played that second half,” said Coach Dunkley. “We just made a couple of mistakes which were costly down the stretch and couldn’t pull it out.”

The second game was a different story as the Ramblers demonstrated the team chemistry that gave them a 148-19 record over the past four seasons.

“Everyone played much better and the team concept was executed much better in the second game,” said Coach Dunkley. “Our defense was much better and we held them under 70 points -- our season goal for each game.”

The Ramblers knocked off their first game jitters and had a 20-point lead by the half. Lackland never got within 20 points again.

“Our inside game took over with Darontaye Warren, Ed Simpson and Adam Wilson controlling the low block on offense,” said Coach Dunkley. “That opened up the outside for Nate Crawford to hit some three pointers.”

The leading scorers for the first game were Warren with 26 and Paul Spencer dropping 13 points. In the second game, Warren lead with 16 points, Simpson followed with 14, Crawford with 10 and Ernie Banks with 10. Spencer contributed with 11 assists.

In other action, the women’s varsity team lost to Lackland both on Saturday and Sunday.

Both the men and women’s varsity teams play Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, here Saturday and Sunday. The women play at 2 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday. The men’s team play 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday

Sports Briefs

Running class today

There is a running symposium for beginner runners today at 10:30 a.m. at the health and wellness center.

For more information, call the HAWC at 652-2300.

Physical therapist holds workshop

Physical Therapy will hold a back class on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the base clinic.

For more information, call Physical Therapy at 652-3137.

Lifeskills workshop scheduled

The next Lifeskills workshop is Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the health and wellness center.

For more information, call the health and wellness center at 652-2300.

Anger management class on tap

The next anger management class, designed to help people with anger control, is Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

For more information or to sign up, call the health and wellness center at 652-2300.

Walk to run class available

The next walk to run class, designed for the individual who is walking and not yet running, is Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon.

To sign up or for more information, call the health and wellness center at 652-2300

Flightline 5k fun run/walk scheduled

A Flightline 5K fun run/walk, sponsored by 12th Operations Group and 12th Services Division, is scheduled for Oct. 24 at 7:15 a.m. Free registration at the fitness center. The first 500 people to register receive a free t-shirt.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Paul Rancier at 652-6710.

Weigh to Win class starts Thursday

The health and wellness center offers a weigh to win class to help people change their eating habits and make life changes.

To enroll in the Oct. 30 class, call the HAWC at 652-2300.

Cardiovascular health workshop

The next cardiovascular health workshop is Nov. 1 at noon.

To enroll in the class, call the health and wellness center at 652-2300.

Chung do Kawn class available

Chung do Kawn classes are offered for \$30 per month, for up to five classes per week. Classes are held at the fitness center, Monday through Thursday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for anyone over 12 years old.

Those interested in enrolling may do so after first observing a class. Master Stephen Glass, a sixth-degree black belt, teaches the class.

Relaxation room available

To make an appointment to use the relaxation room, call the health and wellness center at 652-2300.